

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

An image recording and reproducing apparatus for recording and reproducing a multiple picture signal obtained by multiplexing picture signals from a plurality of cameras via a frame switcher, the image recording and reproducing apparatus performing high-accuracy fast-forwarding of a prerecorded image from a specific camera and allowing easy retrieval of a target image. The image recording and reproducing apparatus has a skip reproduction feature for alternating skipping of n frames and continuous reproduction of m frames. m is set to a number related to the frame switching pattern. In case $n=4$ and $m=3$, four frames are skipped after reproduction of Frame A1. Then Frames C6, A7, B8 are continuously reproduced. Thus, the images displayed on the monitor are A1, A7, and A13.